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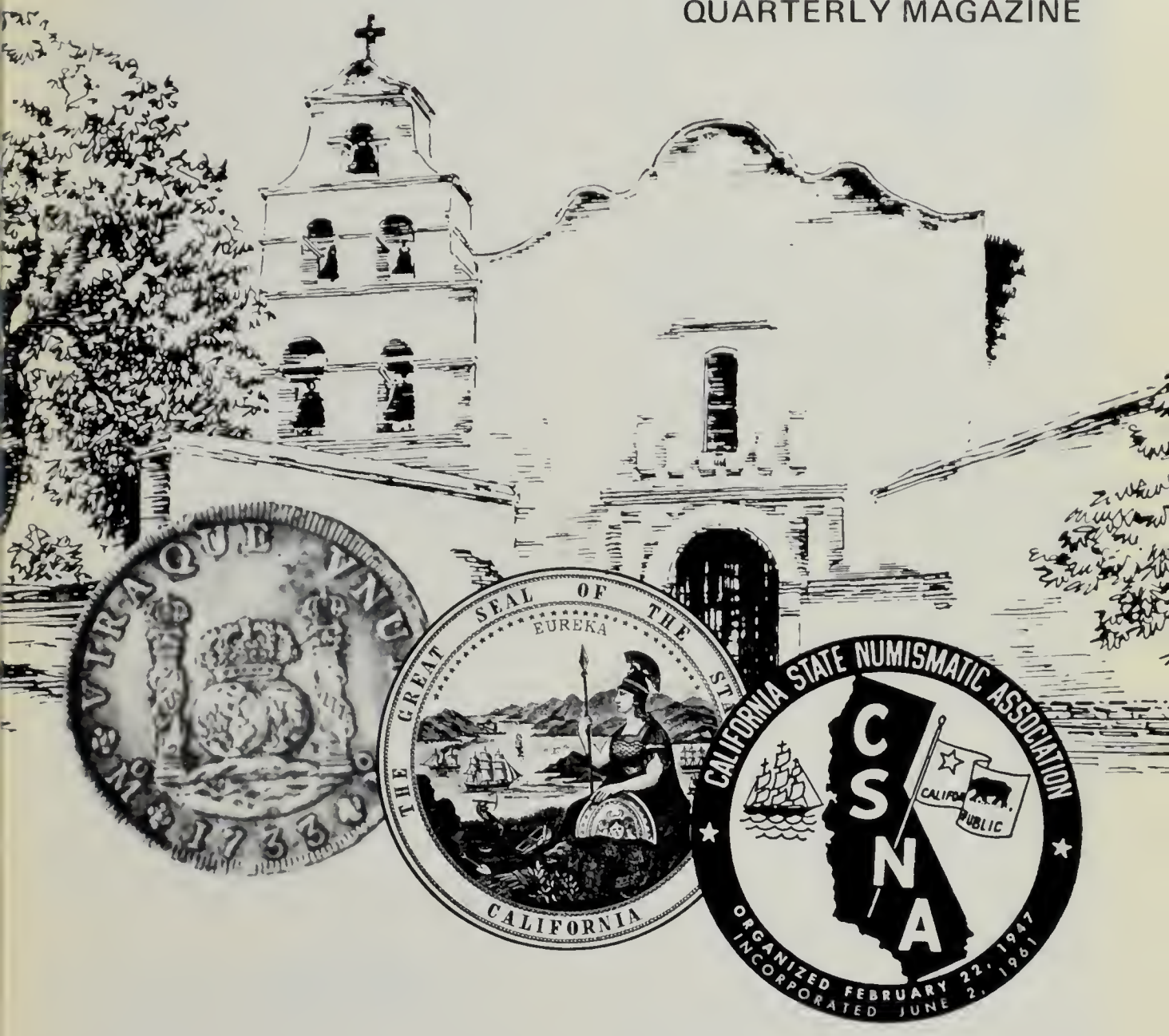

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The President's Page

ALBERT K. HALL, CSNA LM 21-6

The ink is still drying on the pages of the history book for the 65th CSNA Convention recently held at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel, but the message reads — "A truly successful event, enjoyed by all."

It was a credit to the members of the host club, The Orange County Coin Club, spearheaded by General Chairman Elizabeth L. Wisslead, who moulded their efforts so well into a smoothly, organized series of functions. The bourse sell-out of 82 dealers was a tribute to the efforts of our Bourse Coordinator, Bill Wisslead.

The Saturday night banquet honoring CSNA President Emeritus Ralph. "Curly" Mitchell was a well attended event and a number of people "toasted" Curly. Starting with Kenny Lee, Chet Krause of Numismatic News who presented him with a Numismatic Ambassador Award, Bill Kreig of the Franklin Mint, John Culver, Curly's son Paul Mitchell, and the toast was moderated by Abe Kosoff. Dorothy Baber presented him with some Hawaiian onions, and several other individuals extended good wishes. ANA President George Hatie made a special effort to attend the convention and be able to contribute to the festivities.

The numismatic Friday Night Forum chaired by Herb Bergen consisted of a panel led by Harry Lessin, Margo Russell of Coin World, Kenny Lee and John Lenker. The speakers covered a number of topics to a capacity crowd of 85. Read the General Chairman's Convention Highlights report in this issue for all the exciting details.

The 13th Annual CSNA Educational Symposium scheduled for March 15, 1980 at the Holiday Inn in Fullerton, Ca. is under the guidance of our Director of Education, Bryan Burke. He is going all out to bring the best speakers, stimulate interest and support to assure that the high quality of the past is maintained. Be sure to mark your calendar for that date.

The 66th CSNA Convention and Coin Show on May 2, 3, 4, 1980 at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco chaired by O. L. Wallis is going at "full sprint." The theme "Olympic Numismatics" honoring the 1980 Olympics will be evident throughout the convention.

The 67th CSNA Convention will be held October 10-12, 1980 at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego. General Chairman, Paul Moulton, assisted by members of the host club, the San Diego Interclub Numismatic Council, is planning to assure us an enjoyable convention.

The San Bernardino County Coin Club will be the host for the 69th Convention in the Fall of 1981.

As you can see, a lot of people are contributing their time, efforts and talents to maintain the CSNA reputation of being a successful numismatic organization. You can help by getting a new member or urge your club to become a member and support the hobby.

CSNA will provide free membership for a junior numismatist nominated by their club. Have the secretary submit the name to Charles Colver, 611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, Ca. 91724.

Also, clubs are invited to consider being the host club or a co-host sponsor for one of our future conventions. Inquiries may be directed to the CSNA President for consideration by the Board. Host clubs receive 5 percent of any profit generated.

In an attempt to update our convention procedures, I have asked Director of Exhibits Dorothy Baber to revise the exhibit and judging rules. On short notice she responded quickly with some proposed revisions in the judging rules and classification of exhibits which the board accepted. The main rules of exhibiting are to be examined next. If you have some comments in this area, I am sure she would appreciate hearing from you.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and hope that 1980 will be a good year for the hobby.

Editorially

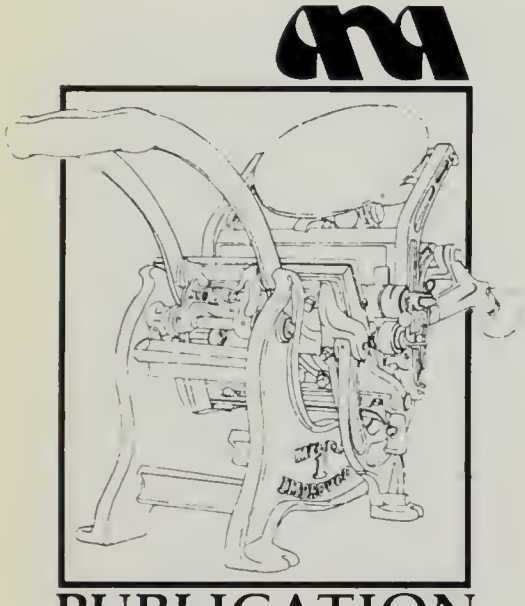
CONVENTION 65 – 79!! The Sheraton-Anaheim was the week-end home recently for many CSNA Conventioneers. Good reports came in from all directions, thanks to the hard work and dedication of members of the host organization, the **Orange County Coin Club.**

Something new was introduced in the educational exhibit portion of the show, namely a "THEME" category. The convention medal showed U. S. Dollars and the additional category opened up the way for more displays of U.S. coins without overloading the regular Class A. The Theme Category could do the same for any of the regular exhibit groups. This also affords the opportunity to bring in more displays and broaden our scope of educational material. I hope this becomes a permanent part of the exhibits.

Over 130 friends honored CSNA's President Emeritus, Ralph "Curly" Mitchell as a special segment of the Awards Banquet. This tribute was well-deserved and given with gratitude for many years of dedication to the club and the hobby. Congratulations, from the Calcoin News Staff.

Our next CSNA numismatic function will be the Educational Symposium on March 15 in Fullerton, CA. Bryan Burke, Director of Education promises to have a full day of activities planned for us. Speakers from far and near, plus outstanding exhibits of First Place and Best of Show quality. Plan to meet your friends and join in the festivities. An evening banquet adds to the social aspect of the day.

P.S. I hope everyone likes our new cover!



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The Admiral's Return

By William O. West, CSNA #2756

In April, 1905, General Horace Porter, Ambassador to France, patriot, soldier, diplomat, winner of the Medal of Honor during the Civil War, sent a telegram to Secretary of State, John Hay, which began, "My six years' search for remains of Paul Jones has resulted in success."[1] General Porter had located the body of America's Revolutionary war naval hero in an old abandoned protestant cemetery that had been covered by the sprawl of the city of Paris, and had been forgotten and hidden from view since shortly after Jones died.

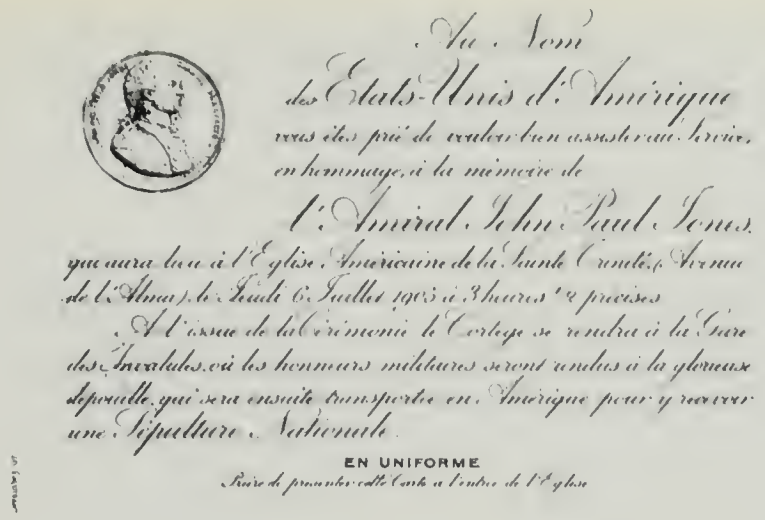
President Theodore Roosevelt, proponent of a strong navy had followed the search with interest, realizing that the location and removal of Jones's body to his adopted land could create favorable publicity for his program for naval expansion.

FIG. 1, Bronze strike of the Congressional gold medal awarded to John Paul Jones.

Jone's body was found in a leaden coffin, originally filled with alcohol, and was preserved in excellent condition. Shortly after discovery it was examined by French anthropologists who conducted extensive tests and measurements and proved that it was indeed the corpse of John Paul Jones. In addition to recorded physical characteristics items used in the identification of the body included a bust, made from life, by Jean Antoine Houdon, French sculptor, 1741-1828, and his profile from the gold medal, awarded by congress for his capture of the SERAPIS in 1779. (FIG. 1) This medal was designed by French medallist Augustin Dupre. General Porter wrote, "I had found in the Paris mint the die from which this medal was made and had had a number of copies struck from it."[2] These were then given to workmen excavating the grave for identification purposes.

Jones held the rank of Rear-Admiral by virtue of his service to Empress Catherine II of Russia. (FIG 2) When his services were no longer required by the United States he had sought employment elsewhere. He was in Russia from April, 1788 to September, 1789. During this period he fought in several successful actions against the Turks in the Liman, at the mouth of the Dnieper River on the Black Sea, and "won the respect and loyalty of most of the Russian naval officers under him."[3] He left Russia under the shadow of a scandal and though this was later proved to have been contrived against him by a person or persons unknown he was given no more employment by Catherine. For his services to Russia he was awarded a minor decoration.[4]

FIG. 2, Empress Catherine II of Russia. Vignette from 100 Ruble note of 1910.



Ambassade
des États-Unis d'Amérique
vous êtes prié de vouloir bien assister au Service
en hommage à la mémoire de
l'Amiral John Paul Jones
qui aura lieu à l'Eglise Américaine de la Sainte Trinité, Avenue
de l'Alma, le Jeudi 6 Juillet 1905 à 3 heures 1/2 précises
A l'issue de la Cérémonie le Cortège se rendra à la Gare
des Invalides où les honneurs militaires seront rendus à la glorieux
dépouille qui sera ensuite transportée en Amérique pour y recevoir
une Sépulture Nationale.
EN UNIFORME
Prière de présenter cette Carte à l'entrée de l'Eglise

FIG. 3, Photo courtesy of Ross E. McCarthy, El Cajon, Calif. Parisian Memorial service invitation given to Petty Officer William H. Smith of the U.S.S. Brooklyn.

The Admiral died in Paris on 18 July, 1792, forty five years after his birth in Arbigland, Scotland. His body was prepared "convenient for removal to the United States when desired."[5] One hundred thirteen years would pass before this happened.

Another telegram of June 20, 1905 from the Secretary of State to General Porter read, "Obtain permission to land military force under arms from Rear-Admiral Sigsbee's squadron as escort for body Paul Jones."[6] The body, identified and again prepared for shipment to America was taken to the American Church of the Holy Trinity on Avenue de l'Alma in Paris where on 6 July, 1905, a memorial service was held (FIG. 3) attended by dignitaries of both France and the United States. "This was followed by a parade in which five hundred American Bluejackets, French cavalry and infantry and high officials of the Republic participated."[7] After the service the body was sent by special train to Cherbourg where the French torpedo-boat ZOUAVE delivered it to the armored cruiser, U.S.S. BROOKLYN, (FIG. 4) former flagship of Rear-Admiral Winfield Scott Schley at the battle of Santiago. At this time the BROOKLYN flew the flag of Rear-Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee who was in command of the John Paul Jones Expedition. The escort ships were GALVESTON, TACOMA and CHATTANOOGA. After an uneventful thirteen day crossing the squadron was joined by seven Battleships of the North Atlantic Fleet and escorted to Annapolis, Maryland where some nine months later another memorial service was held on 24 April, 1906, at the armory of the United States Naval Academy. Speakers at this event, introduced by Secretary of the Navy, Charles J. Bonaparte, a relative of Napoleon, included President Roosevelt, French Ambassador Jusserand, General Porter and Governor Warfield of Maryland.

FIG. 4, The U.S.S. BROOKLYN, flagship of the John Paul Jones Expedition.

A permanent resting place for the Admiral was not forthcoming until 1913 when Congress finally moved to provide it: On 26 January of that year he was laid to rest in the Naval Academy Chapel crypt in a sarcophagus that was "more or less modeled on the tomb of Napoleon in the Invalides."[8] This long period before final disposition may have confused some researchers as this writer has a Jones biography, published in 1922, that states the Admiral was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

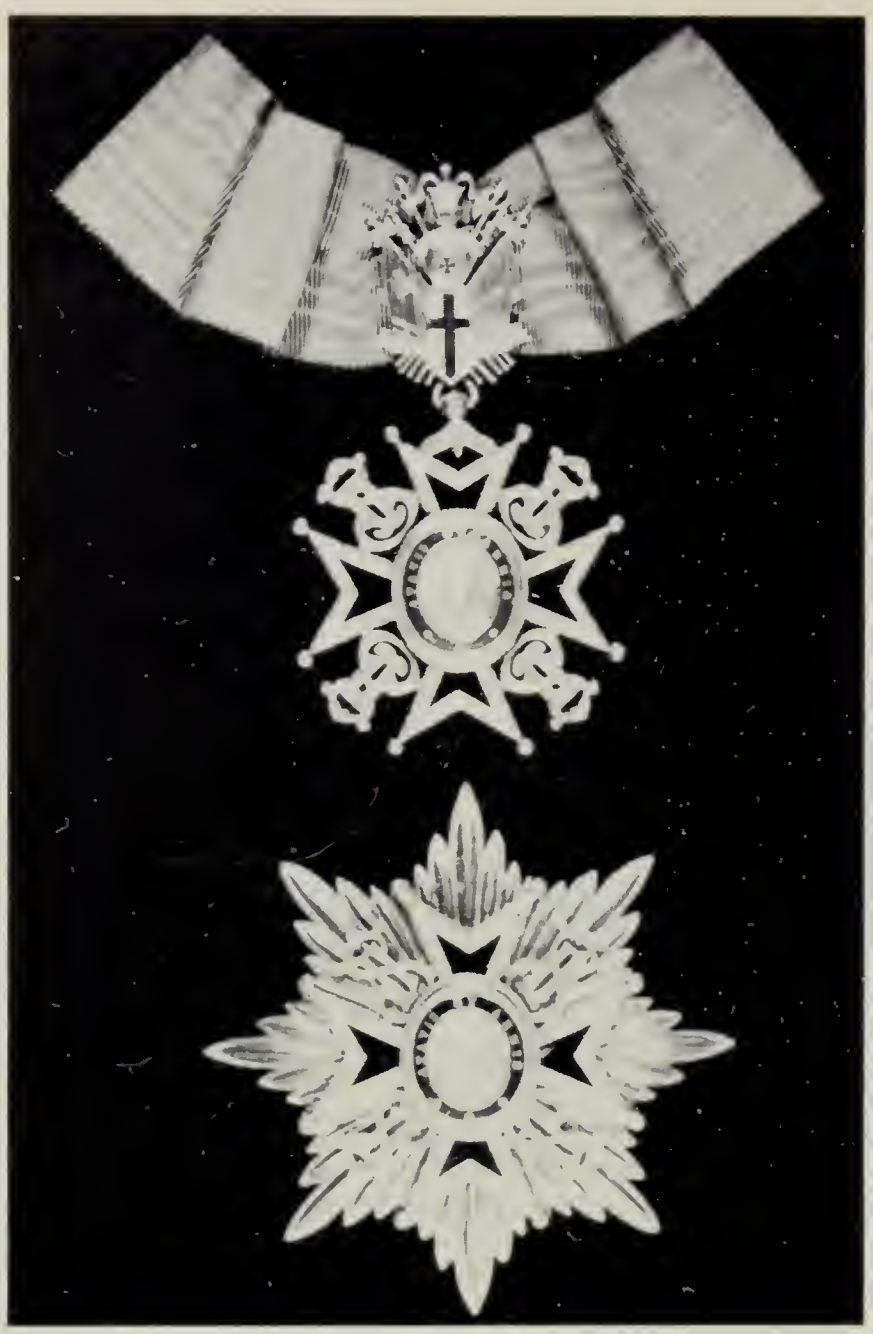


FIG. 5, Photo courtesy of the United States Naval Academy. The Military Order of St. Lazarus posthumously awarded to Admiral John Paul Jones in October, 1976.

It was said of Jones "He loved kings and queens, lords and ladies, all in their proper plaee in soeiety like the offieers, petty offieers and enlisted men of a well-regulated man-of-war,"[9] and further, in comparing him with Lord Nelson, England's naval hero, "Both were avid of glory and of sueh marks of distinetion as rank, orders and medals.[10] As such the Admiral would have been pleased with the posthumous bestowal of another great honor of Franee, The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, (FIG. 5) in Oetober of the bicentennial year, 1976.

FOOTNOTES:

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3. JOHN PAUL JONES, A Sailors Biography, Samuel Eliot Morison Little Brown and Company (Boston 1959) pg. 383
4. See James W. Cheevers and Jaek Sweetman, "The Deeorations of John Paul Jones," THE MEDAL COLLECTOR, Sept. 1975
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6. Ibid. pg. 46
7. MORISON, pg. 408
8. Ibid, pg. 409
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10. Ibid, pg. 411

Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics

JAMES W. "JIM" HUNT
CSNA LM-23-2

Jim was born in Chicago, Illinois, migrating to Los Angeles at the ripe old age of three and then to San Francisco at the age of four. One year later, he developed an interest in coins. The coin that first caught his attention was a British penny of 1918 that his mother had given him to play with. He has been playing with coins ever since, and incidently, still has that very same British penny today.

The East Bay Coin Club provided Jim's first experience with numismatic organizations in 1955 and he attended his first CSNA convention that year at the Claremont Hotel in Oakland/Berkeley. That convention was advertised as the "Million Dollar Coin Show". It would probably be called the "Billion Dollar Coin Show" if today's coin prices were used.

After graduation from the University of California, Jim joined the Navy and in so doing became a resident of San Diego. That's where he met me and we were married in 1963. David came along in 1966 and the family moved to Chula Vista in 1968. David is an avid soccer player and the whole family has grown to appreciate the sport. All belong to the San Diego Soccer's Booster Club (called the "Garters") and follow the actions of that professional NASL team with absorbing interest.

Jim has been employed by the County of San Diego for the past 11 years and is presently Manager of the County's Disaster Preparedness program. He has recently served on an advisory committee to the Governor's Office. In 1973, Jim acquired a Master's Degree in Management from San Diego State University. In addition to his work with the County, he teaches business at Southwestern College in Chula Vista.

Since moving to San Diego, Jim has served as President of the SOLAR Coin Club and later as President of the San Diego Numismatic Society in 1975 and 1976. He has been an exhibitor and an exhibit judge at many local numismatic events. He served as exhibit chairman at the last two CSNA conventions held in San Diego. He has contributed articles to the San Diego Numismatic Society Bulletin and has lectured at a number of local coin clubs. He is a member of the A.N.A., the San Diego Numismatic Society, and a Life Member of CSNA. He has served on the CSNA Literary Awards Committee and has recently been appointed to the newly created position of Director of Publicity for CSNA.

While Jim maintains an interest in U.S. Type Coins and occasionally acquires a foreign coin to expand his knowledge of numismatics, his major interests are academic and organizational. He likes to read about coins and to share his experiences with others involved in numismatic organizations. He says that once numismatics gets in your blood, it never leaves, and I'd be the first to agree.

ELLEN JEAN HUNT

LATE FLASH!!

Happiness times two equals William O. and Elizabeth L. Wisslead receiving the Numismatic Ambassador Award! The presentation was made by Cliff Mishler, Publisher of Numismatic News, at the banquet of the Numismatic Council of Orange County's 12th Annual Show November 25, 1979.

Bill and Elizabeth join a host of other Californians who have given much time and effort to the advancement of our hobby, not only on the local scene but also the state and national level.

CSNA congratulates you both!

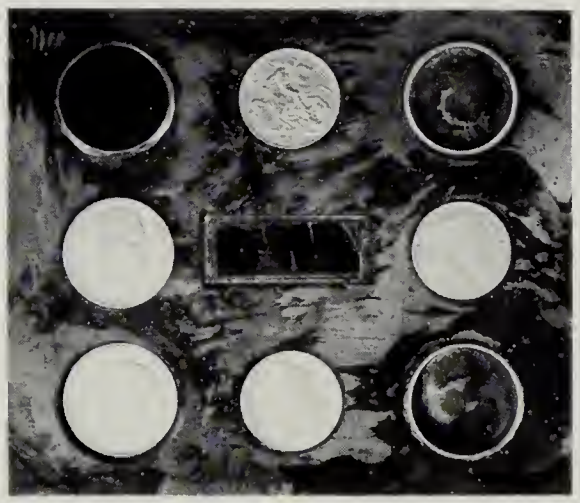
Bryan Burke
Staff Writer

Through the Numismatic Glass

A Purchase of one of the DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GOLD BARTER KITS. Or, how to rationalize oneself into owning an exeiting pieee of history.

Now and then something is offered for sale which, even though high in price, a colleetor knows he **must** have. This was the situation when the escape or barter kits were recently auctioned by the Department of Defense. It is at times such as this that one must eall on his power to rationalize. With the proper thoughts, one ean justify the purchase.

These historie kits were originally made for use by men involved in elandestine operations, paratroopers, certain fliers, and military personnel dropped behind enemy lines in Europe during World War II. It would be diffieult to find a more numismatic relic of that war. At the same auction some 50 kits whieh had been prepared for the Asian area were offered These kits contained gold and a Swiss wateh, but no coins. The lack of coins made these kits less desirable to a eoin collector.



The Atlantic, or European, kits were advertised to have one British or South African sovereign, two half-sovereigns, a French 20 franc and a 10 frane piece. In addtion, each kit contained three gold rings. The numismatie publieations stressed that no thought was given to the eondition of the coins when the kits were assembled and that many might contain coins in only very good condition. The coins in the kit on display appeared to be in rather miserable condition because the rubber from the case in which they had been housed still adhered to them.

The object of the kits was to provide an allied agent with a treasury whieh would provide the means of persuading a person in Germany or the Nazis occupied areas to assist him in his operation or provide him with military information. If he was a pilot who had been shot down the gold could help him escape capture and internment. The plan probably worked because even in a fascist state there is a built-in feature of a desire by the eitizens to "beat the system." As gold was very valuable during the war, the allied fighter had a good chance of obtaining help.

The numismatist who wanted one of the kits could, with a litle positive rationalization, bid just above the value of the gold coins and thereby acquire the historic cases for a low price. The Department of Defense had set a minimum bid of $400 when the price of gold was $256. As the price of gold rose or fell, the minimum bid would be adjusted aecordingly. The final minimum bid was $575. Therefore, even the minimum price of $400 made one think about the venture.

While the government held 3,000 of the Atlantie kits, the auction was for only 300 as a trial measure to determine how best to dispose of all of them. As the kits contained over an ounce of gold, it was felt there would be a positive response to the auction.

In answer to my request for bidding information, the government sent me an attractive catalog and instructions for bidding. After following the usual regimented form, I sent in my 20 percent deposit of $122 on my bid of $610. If the price of gold continued to rise in July and August of 1979 as it had been, the figure of $610 would be just about the value of the coins themselves.

On August 1, 1979, the bids were opened in Battle Creek, Michigan. More than 3,000 bids had been received. Those who witnessed the event were surprised that each bid was painstakenly hand tabulated on paper by a clerk after the officer in charge opened them. Where were all the sophisticated computers we are so used to seeing? As the bids were opened and read, it became apparent that many bidders had not anticipated the sharp rise in the price of gold and had under bid the minimum of $575. Bids had been received from every one of the fifty states and from military bases. The amount of the successful bids ran from a low of $575 to a high of $1,010. They averaged out at $637.57. Of the many bidders only 152 were successful. Most of the accepted bids were for just one kit, but some bidders bought more. One man purchased twelve, four bought ten, and a handful received three or four kits.

Contrasting most sales by the government, there was a profit made on this auction. Considering the price of gold, the Department of Defense received $128,000 more than the actual gold value.

With mixed emotions I received word that I was one of the lucky 152. The letter meant that I would own one of the kits, but it also reminded me of the payment of $488 still due. Fore one who does not invest in gold, this overall cost of $610 was beginning to hit home. Nevertheless, I was able to continue my same rationale and send the check. Then the waiting started.

After a relative short time, about four weeks, the package arrived on September 18. What a pleasant surprise to find that the container was not a badly scratched holder of lucite but a sturdy, hard rubber case about 1 by 3½ by 4½ inches. What a miserable, but thrilling feeling to know that the coins were sealed inside and that I had no way of knowing what they were or their actual condition. As I had purchased the kit for its own historic value, and not for the gold, I had to contain my desire to tear the packet open in any way possible.

The government was thoughtful enough to include instructions for opening the kits. They gave detailed information on how to use industrial acetone or liquid nitrogen. Both methods would destroy the kit in releasing the gold. It is obvious that a person landing by glider or parachute would not have these items, but would have a knife. Therefore, with a razor and two pair of pliers I was able to separate the two pieces of rubber along the line where they had been carefully vulcanized together almost forty years before. The two rubber halves of the kit, the coins, and the rings were all saved in perfect condition.

My kit revealed three men's rings, one with no design, one slightly decorated, and one very ornate. All were new and had English proof marks and a British rating of .375 gold content. The coins were spotted with the original cement but when cleaned disclosed five shiny gold pieces. The sovereign is a South African one of George V dated 1927 in about uncirculated condition. The two half-sovereigns are both of Edward VII date 1907 and 1908 in very fine condition. The French 20 franc is of Napoleoon III dated 1854 and in very fine condition. The 10 franc is dated 1866 and is a "dog." It is in only fine condition and also has a couple scratches on it.

Now I have a very historic item which is relatively rare. Better yet, it is a numismatic object which went through the war and had, in its own way, played an important part in that tragic event. One might say that I am stuck with some gold which is not really needed because it is the kit which is of historic interest. Yet, what good is the kit without the gold still in it. Here again, one can call upon his power to rationalize. Why would anyone dispose of gold at this time? See how easy it is? Just rationalize.

Convention Highlights & Photos

Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA 720

Anaheim we loved you!! 1,623 good folks came to participate in and enjoy the 65th semi-annual convention and coin show held at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel, Anaheim, Calif., October 26-28, 1979. The weather was delightful and the atmosphere of the old English Castle was an ideal setting for our numismatic gathering. We left with the feeling the hotel personnel better understood and appreciated the word numismatic. The convention theme, "**United States Dollars**" was well chosen. Our convention medal featuring the Susan B. Anthony dollar in the center, surrounded by the Flowing Hair, Draped Bust, Liberty Seated, Trade, Morgan, Lafayette, Peace and Eisenhower dollars, created much interest and was soon on the 'sold out' list. **Virginia M. Hall's** beautiful display took the Theme Award and we hope all of you saw it. Virginia had used the Susan B. Anthony in the center and had the other dollars in a circle around the center coin. Truly a tribute to the theme and the medal. The show was hosted by the **Orange County Coin Club** with all current officers and directors serving on the convention committee. A tribute to the club's 40th Anniversary.

Eighty-one bourse dealers offered a variety of material and business was bustling. Bourse co-ordinator, **William O. Wisslead,** and bourse chairman, **Louis J. Beretich,** were on hand early Thursday morning, October 25th, for set-up day and always seemed to be on duty throughout the show. **Charles Boothe** and **Walt Andrews** helped with the set-up and close out. **Walter H. Dittrich** handled the security and faithfully stayed on duty during the open hours. The banquet was served an hour before the bourse and exhibit rooms closed. No problem for Dittrich, the Maitre D' served his dinner on a special table set up at the door. We hear service was so good Walter had two desserts. A living testimonial that committee workers can attend social functions of the convention.

John J. Hower and **Al Brown,** had the exhibit room ready and waiting for the exhibitors who brought in an outstanding group of well planned and artistically arranged displays. Award winners listed elsewhere.

Auction material to be sold by **Joel L. Malter & Co.** was on display in the exhibit room and many felt it was part of the numismatic showings. The Weights and Scales so well arranged were an added attraction. The Malter Company held three auction sessions during the convention, all well attended. **George Bennett** was auctioneer.

The executive board meeting held on Thursday evening, October 25th was well attended and President **Albert K. Hall** moved the agenda 'right along' and much was accomplished. One very sad note was the announcement by Past President, **Charles V. Kappen,** that our ever faithful sergeant-at-arms, **Rudy Gjurovich,** was ill and could not be with us. A card circulated during the convention and many signatures were added to let Rudy know we missed him.

Friday morning, opening day, revealed a long line of good folk waiting to register for the bourse room activities. Our Anaheim Convention Bureau representatives were always smiling and most pleasant in the performance of getting name tags typed and 'a friendly greeting' to each one coming in. CSNA Secretary, **Charles G. Colver,** with the able assistance of **Ruth** and **Ralph Mitchell,** was busy with the medal sales, and general information concerning the show.

CSNA's Friday Luncheon fortunately maintained "The Spirit of the Clowns." We had guaranteed forty-eight and fifty-eight attended. **Ruth Phillips** left Fresno's airport at 10:15 A.M. for her flight to the Orange County Airport. She managed to pick up her luggage, tell a taxi driver she needed to be at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel before twelve o'clock. She managed to register, get her luggage to her room, and get seated at the luncheon table before the meal was served. To her delight she won the clown doll used for table decorations at her table. **Millie Buelow** and **Ethyl Brown** will long be remembered as the "Clown Doll ladies." Each doll was handmade and showed so much TLC all in attendance wanted to take one home. **Shelby E. Wagner** introduced the speaker, **Norma Milldrum**, Supervisor of Legal and Historical Documentation, Mattel Toy Company, Hawthorne, Calif. Using as her topic: "How We Make Dolls at Mattel" Ms. Milldrum outlined the long process of planning and testing before a doll reaches production and other acceptance testing before it is placed on the market for sale. She had an extensive exhibit of component parts, and left everyone with the feeling we had seen the creation of a doll during her lecture. Ms. Milldrum is a doll collector and was presented one of the Clown Dolls to add to her personal collection. The draw for door prizes completed the luncheon activities.

AT THE FORUM — Moderator Herb Bergen; Speakers Kenny Lee, Margo Russell, John E. Lenker, and Harry Lessin.

The CSNA Educational Forum was held on Friday evening with **Herbert M. Bergen** serving as Moderator. The room had been prepared for seventy-five and it was necessary to bring in ten additional chairs. **Kenneth W. Lee** of Glendale, Calif., discussed "California Gold", a topic which is well revealed in his book on the subject. **Harry Lessin** of Norwalk, Connecticut, had an extensive display of collectable treasures which encompassed his topic "Areas of Collecting in a Recession." **Margo Russell**, Editor of Coin World, Sidney, Ohio, reviewed the past, gave fascinating reports of the present, and led the audience into the electronic computer world of the future in her discussion of "Numismatics, Past, Present, Future." **John E. Lenker**, Redlands, Calif., added humor in his report of using the Susan B. Anthony dollars as tips on his recent trip to Germany with the Franklin Mint tour. Lenker has made an extensive study of Susan B. Anthony and the new dollar. His surprise was the display of clothing worn during the Susan B. Anthony period. His topic "The Susan B. Anthony Dollar." Mr. Bergen presented each speaker with a Cross pen and pencil set in appreciation. The room was full for an hour following the close of the lectures as the group lingered to obtain autographs, view the displays and ask the speakers questions.

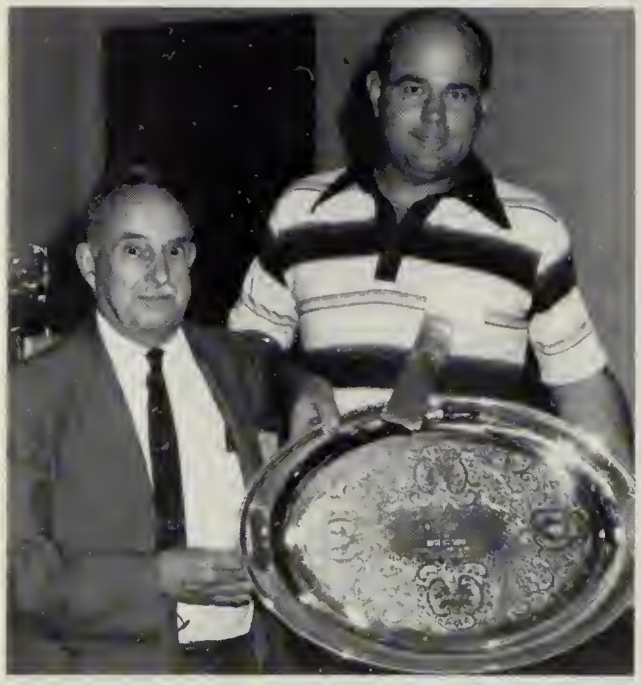
The CSNA Membership Meeting at 10:30 A.M. Saturday revealed a contingent of sixty who were interested in the reports and general business of the association. Future conventions and sights were discussed. **O. L. Wallis** extended an invitation for all to attend the 66th semi-annual convention and coin show in San Francisco, Calif., Jack Tar Hotel, May 2-3-4, 1980.

FORUM SPEAKER — Ruth Phillips

Forty persons attended the California Exonumist Society's open meeting and forum at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon. **Ruth Phillips** of Fresno, Calif. presented an outstanding program on "Elongated Coins". The Western States Token Society had a meeting at 4:00 P.M.

The CSNA Cocktail Hour at six o'clock revealed a happy group toasting our special honored guest for the Banquet, CSNA's President Emeritus, **Ralph A. "Curly" Mitchell.** There were long time friends, neighbors, former business associates, and family. One hundred and thirty-five attended the Banquet to see our own CSNA Exhibit

Awards presented by **Dorothy C. Baber,** of El Cajon, Calif. She was assisted by **John Hower** and **Al Brown, Shelby E. Wagner,** Diamond Bar, Calif., served as emcee for the awards ceremony. **Jim Sharp, Jr.** won BEST IN SHOW, **O. L. Wallis,** BEST IN EXONUMIA, and **Virginia M. Hall** the BEST THEME AWARD. Other winners listed elsewhere.



BEST OF SHOW: Exhibit Chrm. John Hower presents silver tray to Jim Sharp.

Abe Kosoff of Palm Springs, Calif., served as emcee for the Ralph A. 'Curly' Mitchell recognition. Kosoff planned and executed special tributes, roastings. Several exciting and humorous events in Mitchell's life were revealed. Introduced to pay tribute were **George M. Hatie,** President of A.N.A. and past president of the Token and Medal Society; **Kenneth W. Lee,** long time friend and luncheon partner of a 'threesome' during eighteen years of CSNA conventions. Unfortunately ill health prevented **Erich Werling** from joining the other two this time. **William F. Krieg** spoke of the Franklin Mint years in Mitchell's life; **Herbert M. Bergen** paid tribute to Curly as a trusting vest pocket dealer. **Jess Peters** spoke of the solid mid-west area of Mitchell's background having as his birthplace, Bloomington, Indiana. **Paul D. Mitchell** spoke on behalf of the Mitchell family. A wonderful tribute from a son to his father and mother.

Fun gifts and roastings were presented by **John Culver,** President of the Non-Collectors Society; **Dorothy Baber** presented a basket of onions from Maui; **Pappy Young** of Oceanside a pen set with a Ralph Mitchell CSNA president's medal embedded in lucite.

Each person attending received a booklet, Mitchell's life story, text by **Charles V. Kappen,** with the special assistance of **Elizabeth Wisslead.** Cover adapted from the California State Numismatic Association's "**Caleoin News**" style of the early 1950s. The design and printing of the booklet by Numismatic News, Iola, Wisconsin.

The Climax: **Chet Krause** of **Krause Publications,** Iola, Wisconsin, was introduced and presented the NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR AWARD to **Ralph A. Mitchell.**

'Curly' Mitchell Night, October 27, 1979.

Even with the change in time, thirty-five were on deck for the CSNA SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST at 9 o'clock. A few who failed to change watches and clocks arrived an hour early. C.S.N.A. Presidents were honored, with President **Albert K. Hall** and first lady, **Virginia M. Hall** serving as host and hostess.

As the 'Curtains closed' Sunday afternoon at five o'clock on the 65th semi-annual convention and coin show, there was pride in a task well done and a bit of nostalgia 'all good things must come to an end.' Orange County Coin Club was pleased with the performance to celebrate its 40th Anniversary, perhaps when they have a 50th Anniversary there will be a repeat performance. CSNA thanks all of you!!

RALPH MITCHELL HONORED AS NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR

A very happy Ralph "Curly" Mitchell accepts the Numismatic Ambassador Award during the special honoree segment of the Awards Banquet.

Established in 1974 to annually recognize outstanding people from coast to coast whose leadership, devotion and sincerity to further the numismatic hobby, this Ambassador Award sponsored by the Numismatic News is a very coveted prize. Krause Publications President Chester Krause made the presentation.

The name of Ralph "Curly" Mitchell will join others on a mounted honor roll plaque in the visitor lobby of the new building in Iola, Wisconsin.

Our New Cover

THE FIRST CALIFORNIA MISSION

San Diego de Alcala, the first mission in California was founded in July, 1769 by Father Junipero Serra. The structure was a simple shelter formed of brush and branches, erected on a hill overlooking the bay. In the next fifty years, twenty more missions were founded in a chain that stretched 650 miles up the coast to Sonoma, spaced roughly a stiff day's ride apart.

Through the years they became abandoned then left to disintegrate. The buildings crumbled one after another under the attack of the weather and vandals. In time, all were restored, some well, some inadequately, and today, as they have for decades, still draw thousands of the devout and the curious to their musty churches and mellowed arcades, the oldest historical relics in the State of California.

THE COIN OF OUR NATION'S FOUNDERS

The Spanish Milled Dollar valued at 8 Reales, sometimes called the "Pillar Dollar" or "Piece of Eight" has been established in romatic fiction unequaled by any other coin. This bit of history and its fractional parts were the principal means of trade for the early settlers and were the fore-runners of our own silver dollar. The one pictured here bears the M mint mark of Mexico City. Coins such as this circulated freely in early California.

OUR STATE SEAL

The design for the Great Seal of the State of California was adopted at the Constitutional Convention of 1849 and carved into the massive hardwood of the Senate rostrum over a century ago. Thirty-one stars are displayed, one for each state which comprised the Union, following the admission of California in 1850. Beneath them appears the motto, EUREKA! Other legends depict commerce, industry, and agricultural wealth. Keeping watch is the armored figure of Minerva, the goddess of arts and sciences, wise in peace and war. At her feet a grizzly bear, independent and formidable, symbolizes the State of California.

CSNA LOGO

The CSNA Official Seal was adopted October, 1950 and drawn up by Charles D. Kiser who was Vice President at the time. He used ideas submitted by several members throughout the state.

The lettering in the circular border and on the map of California is self-explanatory. The clipper ship sailing on the Pacific Ocean represents the early development of this state during Gold Rush days. The staff of the California Republic flag rests at Santa Barbara, where the CSNA was organized February 22, 1947.

CSNA Memorial Fund

As President of CSNA, I have acknowledged the following contributions to our Memorial Fund which is basically educationally oriented.

In memory of Roberta W. Lenker, wife of CSNA Past President John E. Lenker, donations have been received from Catharine Edgerton, Alice and William A. Moore, Sr., Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, Cliff and Irene Liss, Don T. Thrall, and Nona G. Moore.

In Memory of Stuart Edgerton, former CSNA Treasurer and Director, a donation was received from his widow, Catharine Edgerton.

In Memory of Richard Hyde, husband of Director Barbara Hyde, donations have been received from Catharine Edgerton, and Al and Ginny Hall.

A donation was made in memory of Wm. de Vroom of Australia by an anonymous PCNS member. Mr. de Vroom was also a CSNA member as well as PCNS and contributed many articles for publication in our coin bulletins.

Don T. Thrall, Chairman of the Memorial Fund, reported at the recent Anaheim convention that a $1,000 bond had been contributed by someone who wished to remain anonymous.

Donations can be made to the fund in honor of a person who is not deceased as well as in the memory of a loved one. All donations should be directed to Don T. Thrall, 610 Arlington Ave., Berkeley, Ca. 94707.

Olympic Numismatics - Convention Theme

"On your mark, Get Set, Go!" . . . to San Francisco for the CSNA 66th Semi-Annual Convention and Coin Show. It will be conducted at the Jack Tar Hotel, May 2-4, 1980 and will highlight the theme, "Olympic Numismatics", appropriate for 1980 as an Olympic Year.

Featured will be a prime invitational exhibit, "Medallic Tributes to the Olympics, From Antiquity to the Present," by Vince Beretta. This display will consist of a composite of several of Beretta's exhibits that were awarded top honors at earlier CSNA conventions. Beretta will also present the illustrated talk on the subject of Olympic Numismatics at the CSNA Educational Forum.

The theme is incorporated in the design of the two-sided "wooden nickels", and the announcement cards and various logos now being distributed to promote the convention and of the official convention medal that has been ordered.

A full array of exhibitors and bourse dealers is anticipated. In addition, other events will include: a three-session auction by Joel L. Malter & Co.; a special Friday luncheon; a membership meeting; an awards banquet; and a Sunday President's Breakfast. Also, CSNA will host other groups that will conduct meetings and talks in conjunction with the Convention. These include: California Exonumist Society; Western States Token Society; Society of International Numismatists; and Northern California Wooden Money Collectors; other groups are expected in addition.

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and the San Francisco Coin Club will serve as co-hosts for the Convention. Heading up plans for the affair are O. L. Wallis as show director and John Sears as deputy director. Among those assisting are: registration: Rose and Harry Huntington, Loralie and Ed Fulwider; bourse coordination, William O. Wisslead; bourse, Don Thrall; exhibits, John Sears; chief judge, Frank Strazzarino; educational forum, Osmyn Stout; local publicity, Paul Snedaker; luncheon, Lori and Larry Reppeteau; banquet design, Nancy Wallis; photographer, Ruth Phillips; and convention historian, Maxine Bryce.

66th Convention Nickels Available

The 2-sided "wooden nickel" that promotes the CSNA's 66th Convention in San Francisco, May 2-4, 1980, is available free of charge to those who send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: O. L. Wallis, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA 94903.

ADVANCE EXHIBIT AND REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS FOR 66th SHOW URGED

• If you plan to exhibit at the CSNA's 66th Convention, you are urged to write directly to Exhibit Chairman John Sears, 3105 Meadowbrook Drive, Concord, CA 94519, for advance Exhibit Application Forms.

• **Plan to attend social affairs at CSNA's 66th Convention?** Write to O. L. Wallis, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA 94903, for advance registration information. Those who pre-register will save time and confusion at the convention by receiving an envelope that contains: identification badge and ribbon, convention program, medal, and tickets ordered.

Barbara Trace Honored By IOWMC

The International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors held their 15th Anniversary meeting at the ANA Convention in St. Louis during August, 1979. CSNA member #2021, Barbara Trace of Los Angeles, California, was announced as recipient of the coveted Outstanding Service Award for 1978-79. Because of a last minute unforeseen situation, she had to cancel her Convention reservations, therefore she was the last to know of the award.

Barbara is a 12-year member of IOWMC serving her sixth year on the Board of Governors. She is recipient of two literary awards and has been a contributor to the club's newsletter, BUNYAN CHIPS, for many years under by-line . . . "Barbara Sez".

In 1977, she received the highest honor the organization bestows upon its members – she was awarded Life Membership number Nine.

Convention Exhibits and Awards

CLASS A – UNITED STATES
- 1st – Major Designs of U. S. Coins – Gene Bascou
- 2nd – Story of the Dollar – Catharine Edgerton
- 3rd – Seven Coins – Seven Mints – Walt Andrews

CLASS B – ANCIENT
- 1st – My Roman Coin Project – Julie Bascou
- 2nd – Republic of Venice – Jim Betton

CLASS C – MODERN FOREIGN
- 1st – One Hundred Dollar Gold Coin of Belize – Jim Sharp, Jr.
- 2nd – One Yen Coin of Japan – William O. West
- 3rd – Mexican 100 Peso Coins – Michelle Sharp

CLASS D – SUBSTITUTES FOR MONEY
- 1st – Silver Bullet Money of Rama IV – Albert K. Hall
- 2nd – Gambling Chips – U. S. Tango – Frank Strazzarino

CLASS E – PAPER MONEY
- 1st – Palestine Currency Board – One Pound Notes – Sally Marx
- 2nd – Great Seal on U. S. Paper Money – Isabel Sharp

CLASS F – WOODEN MONEY
- 1st – Wooden Money – Endangered Wildlife – Gene Baseou

CLASS G – ORDERS AND DECORATIONS
- 1st – Victoria Cross – Albert K. Hall

CLASS H – MEDALS
- 1st – Norman Rockwell Tribute to Robert Frost – Connie Sharp
- 2nd – Current Mints & Depositories – Isabel Sharp
- 3rd – Navy Medals of U. S. Mint – Clay Read

CLASS I – MISCELLANEOUS
- 1st – Great Homecoming of Admiral Dewey – O. L. Wallis
- 2nd – A Wedding of Coins & Post Cards – Ruth Phillips
- 3rd – Three Love Tokens – Shannon Sharp

CLASS J – JUNIOR
- 1st – Jefferson Nickels – Michelle Lopez
- 2nd – Current Circulation Coins of Russia – Julie Bascou

CLASS K – PHILATELIC/NUMISMATIC
- 1st – Germany's Cireulation Coins of Russia – Jim Sharp, Jr.

THEME – Convention Medal Theme Dollars – Virginia M . Hall

BEST EXONUMIA – Great Homecoming of Admiral Dewey – O. L. Wallis

BEST OF SHOW – One Hundred Dollar Gold Coin of Belize – Jim Sharp, Jr.

CSNA Convention

JUNIOR DIV.—Exhibit Chrm. John Hower, Ted Lopez, Michelle Lopez, ond Julie Bascou.

1st PLACE WINNERS — Albert Hall, Connie Sharp, Jim Sharp, Julie Bascou, Gene Bascou, O. L. Wallis and Sally Marx.

Herb Bergen and ladies — Anno Merle Panosh and Mattie Knickerbocker.

AT THE FORUM — John Lenker shows period clothing in the time of Susan B. Anthony.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN Elizabeth L. Wissleod thanks her committee people. Abe Kosoff, Emcee for the Ralph Mitchell tribute, and his wife Polly are at right.

BEST IN EXONUMIA — O. L. Wollis receives trophy from President Albert Hall.

AUCTIONEER George Bennett with Jim Betton at left.

Camera . . .

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Howard Chase

2nd PLACE WINNERS — Cothorine Edgerton, Jim Betton, Wm. O. West, Julie Bascou, Frank Strazzarino, Isobel Shorp ond Ruth Phillips.

3rd PLACE WINNERS — Wolt Andrews, Michelle Shorp, Shannon Shorp. Not shown — Clay Reod.

Coin World Editor Morgo Russell with husband Morion Russell.

Dennis Olswang receives his CSNA 25-yeor membership medal from President Albert Holl.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES for the oward banquet was Shelby E. Wogner shown here with his lovely wife Lorna.

The JOEL F. MALTER CO. scoles for auction.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHER Howord Chase is flonked by A.N.A. dignitories — Post President Herb Bergen and current President George Hotie.

SMILES FROM SAN DIEGO WAY — Ted Gottscholl and Cothorine Edgerton.

NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS . . . from

Southern California

By Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA 720

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS

Milton and Vesta Doctor eelebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 28th of July this year. Milton, a eharter member of **Glendale Coin Club**, has been involved with the club since its beginning in 1959.

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS – plus – ONE

Quote from The Four C Journal, **Culver City Coin Club**, "**Mel and Millie Fishel** reeently eelebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. WOW!! Congratulations Kids."

HAPPINESS IS!!

Reading all the terrific response to a letter from the 65th semi-annual convention chairman, addressed to all member CSNA Clubs, requesting support for the October 26-28th eonvention in Anaheim, Calif. Space does not permit us to inelude all reports in this eolumn, however they will be elipped and mounted on a page or two to be included in the Convention History Book. From the convention report in this issue of CALCOIN NEWS you will note that we had a most successful event and many thanks go to all of you club presidents, secretaries, editors, etc. who helped make it a good show. CSNA is proud of you!!

We received our first eopy of the "Oracle", monthly bulletin of the **Israel Numismatic Society of Los Angeles.** The club meets on the third Thursday, 8 P.M., First Federal Savings & Loan, 464 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, offering edueational features, information on the current eoin market with regard to the rapid change in the silver bullion, friendly news about members, socializing with refreshments furnished by members, information on new issues, etc. It all sounds like a real 'winner'. Executive Director, **Paul Borack**, Editor, **Syd Singer.**

A.N.A. CLUB REPRESENTATIVE AWARD

The Ameriean Numismatic Assoeiation's Club Representative Award for 1979 was presented to **William O. Wisslead** for Outstanding Service. Bill is club representative from the Orange County Coin Club.

Most A.N.A. member clubs have an appointed elub representative. Serious consideration should be given to nominating your representative for this annual award.

NINTH ANNUAL CLUB WORKSHOP

The Ninth Annual Club Workshop, sponsored by the **Numismatic Association of Southern California,** took plaee at the Holiday Inn in Fullerton, California on Saturday, July 28, 1979. Thirty NASC member clubs were represented by seventy officers or members. The theme was to "improve your club through more effective leadership." Workshop chairman, **Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald,** and his eo-workers had prepared a kit for each registrant. Not only did the students have the advantage of the varied diseussions during the 'workshop day' but a well planned kit of material to help with club affairs at a later date. Ample time was given for note taking (one partieipant reported writing nine pages of notes). This annual event has been supported by NASC funds with each member clubs receiving two gratis luncheon tickets.

ELEPHANTS – ELEPHANTS & MORE ELEPHANTS!!

There are various ways for clubs to improve the finaneial eondition of the treasury, but it seems the Blue/White Variety of Elephants sell for more. **Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles** raised over $300.00, an amount almost double the best previous year!

The **Israel Numismatic Society of San Fernando Valley** decided to have a "blind elephant auction". Each donation was put on the block wrapped and "we all had lots of fun bidding on those blind packages." The club raised about seventy dollars.

Monterey Park Coin Club ealled for white or pink elephants. "It was fun as usual, everyone went home with some unusual treasures! The club realized $29.25 from the sale."

Orange Coast Coin Club bulletin reports, "Our white elephant sale added $11.95 + 5¢ to the club."

White Elephants have been seen and sold at **Anaheim, Santa Ana, Tustin,** and **West Valley Coin Clubs.** Another 'roundup' went through the checkout stand at **Fontana United Numismatists, Garden Grove** and **Fountain Valley Coin Clubs.**

Lawndale Coin Club has a different version. The proceeds from all material sold on the Annual Auction is donated to the Boy Scouts.

My Coronamatic sez, "If you missed some of the fantastic bargains, don't despair, they probably will be offered again next Elephant Season!!"

RAILROADING

Dr. Ted Weisbuch, "Cal Poly, Pomona", presented an unusual topic: "Fair of the Horse" during the **Upland Coin Club's** October meeting. His exhibit and talk concerning the Centennial of the Tom Thumb Railroad. "Exactly on schedule" the train ran through town during Dr. Weisbuch's lecture.

Fontana United Numismatists were scheduled to hear a speaker from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company discussing Railroading Operations.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

54 members and guests attended the **Whittier Coin Club's** celebration on September 14th, held at Sambos on Whittier Blvd. President, Nate Bromberg, introduced the guest speaker, **Dr. Sol Taylor,** who covered the past twenty years of the club's activities. The club's first president, **Howard Wasner,** now living in Hemet, Calif., attended, along with eight of the eleven past presidents. Each guest received a medal produced to commemorate the 20th Anniversary.

"A Capsule History of Coins" was presented by **Margaret Willoughby** during the October meeting.

C.W.M.A. FORUM

The **California Wooden Money Association** will present a special educational forum during the 25th Silver Jubilee Convention of the Numismatic Association of Southern California. **Roy Robbins** is the Chairman, the date Saturday, January 26, 1980.

C.E.S. FORUM

The **California Exonumist Society** will have an educational forum on Saturday afternoon, 2:30 P.M., January 26, 1980, held in conjunction with N.A.S.C. at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. **G. A. "Corky" Ayers** will discuss "1933 New York World's Fair." **Albert K. Hall** is President of CES.

THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY DOLLAR COIN

Mr. Robert Wing of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank spoke before the **East Los Angeles Coin Club,** October 15th, using as his topic the "Susan B. Anthony Dollar."

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council closed the history on a very $$UCCES$FUL 22nd Coinarama. Dates have been reserved for 1980 and the 23rd Coinarama to be chaired by **Gladys Moulton.** The Scottish Rite Center has been chosen again and the dates July 12 & 13, 1980. Serving as Assistant Chairman will be **Paul Moulton.**

The same Council will be hosting the CSNA's 67th Convention and Coin Show in the fall of 1980. **Paul Moulton** is General Chairman.

The **American Numismatic Association** will be holding its 1983 Convention in San Diego, August 15-21, Town & Country Hotel.

Plans are already underway for the bus trip from San Diego to the CSNA Educational Symposium, March 15, 1980, to be held again at the Holiday Inn, Fullerton, Calif.

Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club honored **Charles** and **Marie Nissen** and wished them Good Luck on their move to Augusta, Georgia. Charles was presented with a scroll signed by his numerous friends. Recent speakers have been **Si Bass,** "Counterfeit and Error Coins"; **R. F. Spencer,** "California Gold"; **William T. Fell,** "Susan B. Anthony and the Dollar."

Imperial Beach Coin Club is now meeting on a quarterly basis. New officers elected at the October meeting are: Pres. Eleanor Yachwan; V-Pres., Greg Schenewerk; Sec'y, Virginia Bourke; and Treas. Libby Smith.

San Diego Numismatic Society plans election of officers in December and the annual Installation Banquet on January 26, 1980. **Ted Gottschall** recently spoke on Winston Churchill, and the theme was (listen libbers) Famous Men on Coins/Medals. December will be Christmas and some of our members regularly provide Christmas goodies.

International Numismatic Society of San Diego heard **Jim Center** discuss Chinese Numismatics. Several displays included Chinese coins and books related to Chinese coinage. The speaker discussed the Chinese coins, especially the square-hole cash, their history and how they were used.

COIN SCALES

John Ballard, past president of the **Downey Numismatists** and a student of coins, presented a most interesting talk on Coin Scales at the November meeting of the club. This little discussed topic has played a major role in coinage history. The annual pot luck dinner is planned for the December meeting. On every interesting comment by a dealer on the recent the December meeting. One very interesta collectors show, not a dealer to dealer, but collectors shopping and buying."

JUNIOR NIGHT

Covina Coin Club's August meeting was conducted by a full slate of junior officers, President, **Alan Langer;** Secretary **Penny King;** Treasurer, **Jim Gustin.** Vice-President, **Tim Gustin** introduced exhibitor, **Frank Strauss,** who talked about an 1896 Coin Catalogue. Tim also introduced speaker, **Marion Manesse** who told about her scholarship trip to the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar, held at ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo. New members welcomed were: Jim, Tim, Wayne, Linda and Edith Gustin, Georgia and Richard White, Robert Croteau. Junior member, **Michael King** sold the door prize tickets, **Alan Langer** called the auction.

Top prize winners of exhibit awards during the Covina Coin Club's annual coin show were: **Ethel Lenhert,** senior division, "The Parables of Jesus"; **Jeff Collins,** junior division, "The Purple Heart"; **Irwin Remy** garnered the People's Choice Award for "Crowns on Crowns."

HAPPY 17th BIRTHDAY

The Azteca Numismatic Society celebrated at Barragan's, on Friday, September 28, 1979. The publication "Plus Ultra" contains many informative and interesting articles. If interested write to TANS Editor, P.O. Box 33035, Granada Hills, Calif. 91344.

EARLY INSTALLATION

Perhaps to avoid the 'installation rush' **Fontana United Numismatists** (FUN) reports a new slate of officers in September. They are: Pres Stanley Bennett; Vips, Norman Curlett & Bill Grant; Treas. Norman Sturgess; Sec'ys Freddie Grant and Nona Moore. Board directors with appointed positions are Alex Jaramillo, Dick Bruner, Leonard Curlett, Donna Bennett, Frank Donlon, Robert Rogers, Everett Smith, David Beaton, Jack Reeves, Manny Majia.

LOCAL GIRL MAKES GOOD

Quote from the Anaheim Coin Club Bulletin: — "**Elizabeth Wisslead** really did all 'Us Gals' " proud with her fantastic 65th semi-annual CSNA Convention. The exhibits were beautiful, the bourse dealers were great, especially **Nona Moore,** who spent as much time wtih a little six year old boy with five dollars to spend as she did with adult buyers. The Forum was outstanding. Never have we here in Orange County had a better show. The Editor, **Billie Allen,** is the grandmother of the little six year old boy and **Nona Moore** has a friend for life.

SPEAKERS PLATFORM

Ray Adamson, "Ole Yankee Counterfeits", California Wooden Money Association.

James L. Betton, "Coinage of the Philippines", Bay Cities Coin Club.

Thomas Barosko, "ANA Summer Seminar", Fountain Valley and Lawndale Coin Clubs.

Bryan Burke, "The Birth of the First U.S. Mint — Philadelphia" San Bernardino County Coin Club, Upland Coin Club.

Ray Campbell, "Thomas Jefferson", Redlands Coin Club.

Charles G. Colver, Downey Numismatists, Long Beach Coin Club, Topic: "Hometown Bank Notes."

Ronn Fern, "Civil War Tokens", Garden Grove Coin Club.

Milton Fishgold, "The Mil Coins", SIN, San Gabriel Valley Chapter; "Blood Money of Masada", Culver City Coin Club.

Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, "Large Cents", Torrance Coin Club.

Edward Fladung, "Postal Stationery", Verdugo Hills Coin Club.

James Garner, "Chinese Currency", Los Angeles Coin Club.

Ted Gottschall, "Winston Churchill", San Diego Numismatic Society.

Albert K. Hall, "William Henry Harrison, our thirty-one day President", Redlands Coin Club, Upland Coin Club; "Columbian Exposition", Pomona Valley Coin Club; "St. Louis World's Fair", California Wooden Money Association.

Joel Harwin, "Various storage methods for numismatic possessions" Santa Barbara Coin Club.

John Hoover, "On Designing a Medal", San Diego Numismatic Society.

James W. Hunt, "Comstock and the Carson City Mint", San Diego Numismatic Society.

William D. Koonee, "Napoleonic Family Coins and Orders", Glendale Coin Club.

Paul Newell, "Gold", Glendale Coin Club.

Dennis Rocklein, "A Numismatic Tour of San Francisco", Verdugo Hills Coin Club.

Roy Robbins, "The Philadelphia Mint", California Wooden Money Association.

George Russell, "Turkish Coin Legends", SIN, San Gabriel Valley Chapter.

Dr. Franeis Sweeney, "Numismatics as a Science", Bay Cities Coin Club.

Eugene Swonger, "Coinage of the Hawaiian Islands", Santa Ana Coin Club.

Dr. John Venable, "This is Coin Collecting, Believe it or Not", Tustin Coin Club.

Mel Wacks, "The Menorah on Ancient Coins", Israel Numismatic Society of San Gabriel Valley.

Claude Watt, "San Francisco & Carson City Mints", Garden Grove Coin Club, Tustin Coin Club.

Margaret Willoughby, "Gold, an Historical Perspective", Orange County International Numismatic Association (OCINA); Santa Ana Coin Club.

William O. Wisslead, "The Great White Fleet", Fontana United Numismatists; "The Branch Mint in Dahlonega, Georgia", Orange Coast Coin Club; "What can the Local, State, Regional, National and International Organizations do for you?", Fountain Valley Coin Club.

Thomas H. Wood, "On the Bicentennial", Los Angeles Coin Club.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the **Colver** family. **Charles'** father, **William C. Colver**, passed away on October 6, 1979. He had celebrated his 89th Birthday on September 11th. Memorial Services and Interment in Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, Calif. on October 9th.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Many fine tributes have been published on **Walter T. Snyder**, a donation of twenty-five dollars was sent to the **Los Angeles Coin Club** by **Val** and **Pat Mogensen** in memory of Walt. He had served so many organizations the gate will not be easily closed.

Richard A. Hyde, a CSNA member as well as **Orange County Coin Club** left us unexpectedly on August 30th. Our heartfelt sympathy to **Barbara**. She is recovering from her surgeries in the spring and making an adjustment to the loss.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU!!

MAY THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU AND GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR!!

In Remembrance

Richard Hyde, of Santa Ana, California passed away August 30, 1979 in Saint Joseph Hospital.

Richard was born April 15, 1916 in Denver, Colorado and was a very enterprising young lad. Before the age of twelve he edited, published and distributed a stamp newspaper. Before his 16th birthday he had obtained his amature radio license.

He attended the University of Colorado and Colorado A&M, graduating with a degree in electrical engineering. During World War II he was an instructor for the Army Signal Corps at Craig, Colorado, giving crash courses in radio operation and electronics to Army personnel, many of whom came back later to relate to Richard that they owed their lives and that of their comrades to the expertise and knowledge he had given them.

He established his own electronics firm in Denver with branches in Albuquerque, Phoenix and Salt Lake City. In connection with Hyde Electronics, Richard had a print shop where Hydeleo Enterprises published inhouse organs and news bulletins as a service to the electronics industry. As stamp and coin collecting had been his hobby since he was a teenager, and the electronic equipment sales field was his vocation, publishing was his avocation, it was natural that he would publish the Western Coin Collector and Numismatic Digest monthly magazines with a circulation of 5,000 and Barbara Rader as editor. Richard and Barbara were married December 30, 1967 and edited and published the magazines until they moved to Californa in 1969.

In the early seventies Richard became associted with Medallic Art Company, where as West Coast Representative, he initiated and carried through co-ordinated programs for his clients. He later formed his own Medalli-Craft business.

Richard held membership in many professional and service organizations, as well as numerous numismatic associations. He was a beautiful person, kind and very giving of himself. When you approached him with a problem, if he couldn't help personally, he would find someone for you who could. We will all miss him, but feel privileged that we were counted among his cherished friends.

Our sympathy and prayers are with his wife, Barbara.

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NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS . . . from

Northern California

By Maxine Bryce CSNA 1243

Seasons greetings. It's been a great year for numismatics and the Northern California clubs. Here's to another good year in 1980. Be sure to send in the names of your club's 1980 officers so they can be listed in this column. Send to Nor. Cal. Asst. Editor Maxine Bryce, 770 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108.

JANUARY SHOW

On January 26-27, 1980, all paths will lead to the San Jose Convention Center, Almaden & San Carlos Streets, San Jose, and the SAN JOSE COIN CLUB's 12th annual Coin Show. This is the BIG show for January.

At the San Jose Coin Club's August meeting **Ron Miller** gave a detailed presentation of the "Grading of Liberty Walking Half Dollars." His talk was illustrated by slides photographed by SJCC president **Steve Sanford.** The September meeting featured the club's traditional "Bourse Night" with members setting up and offering numismatic items for sale to each other. "Portraits of the Caesars," a Seaby slide series, was the program for October. The slide set is one of six obtainable from the Northern California Numismatic Association's film library. "Grading of Lincoln Cents" was the November program given by **Ron Miller** as Part 2 of his series on grading U.S. coins. The slides illustrating his talk were prepared by SJCC president **Steve Sanford.** A holiday party was the December meeting, with no exhibits or main speaker.

Because the first Tuesday of January falls on New Year's Day, the San Jose Coin Club will meet instead on Tuesday, January 8. Subsequent meetings will be on the usual first Tuesday of the month, at the Santa Clara County Service Center, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, at 7:30 p.m.

LUCKY 13

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held its 13th annual Coin-A-Rama on November 10-11 at the Sheraton Inn in Fresno. A brass "Lucky 13" good-luck token was given to each of the first 500 visitors to the show. FNS president **Merle Davis** was chairman of this very successful event.

For its August program FNS presented a series of 46 slides depicting famous women on coins and medals. At the September meeting the featured speaker was **Chuck Staub,** of the U.S. Secret Service, whose subject was paper counterfeit money. He displayed samples of bogus money to illustrate his talk. At the October meeting, **Ruth Phillips** presented a program on "Elongated Coins," a subject which she also presented at the California Exonumist Society forum in Anaheim.

CHINESE MONEY

The LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard **Osmyn Stout** speak on "Chinese Cash" at its September meeting. The society's annual auction was scheduled for the November meeting.

Liberty Numismatic Society meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Millbrae Public Library, Millbrae, at 7:30 p.m.

BAKERSFIELD SHOW.

The BAKERSFIELD COIN CLUB will hold its 19th Annual Coin Show at the Casa Royale Motor Inn, Bakersfield, on March 29-30, 1980. **George McCormick** will be the General Chairman of this always outstanding show.

GOOD PROGRAMS

The CUPERTINO COIN CLUB has had some interesting meetings lately, with many more scheduled for future months. In September, **Tom Manhard** gave a presentation on the past and future trends of Morgan dollars. October saw an indoor picnic as the program with over 100 hot dogs and assorted munchies being consumed by the members and guests in attendance. The November meeting featured **Ray Erksen** and a slide presentation on the coinage of the Mexican Revolution of 1914.

CUPERTINO COIN SHOW

The tenth annual Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 1980 at the Campus Center of De-Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd. (Stevens Creek Blvd. and Stelling Road in Cupertino. Hours are 10 A.M.-5 P.M. Admission and parking are free and there will be hourly door prizes. In addition, the club has had a quantity of bronze medals struck to commemorate the event. Obverse depicts Mount Rushmore, while the reverse design advertises details of the coin show. Medals will be available by mail at $1.00 each plus 25¢ postage, or may be purchased at the show.

Cupertino Coin Club meets the first Friday of every month at the Lincoln Elementary School, 21710 McClellan Road in Cupertino. Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M., and visitors are always welcome. President **Bill Legg** extends a warm invitation to all CSNA members to attend a meeting in the near future if at all possible.

BANQUET AND BINGO

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB held its annual banquet October 13 at the Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco. It was followed by a bingo game in which EVERYONE won a prize. **John Sears** was in charge of banquet arrangements.

SFCC's August meeting featured a Coin Quiz based on the Red Book. Vice president **Nancy Stanley** acted as the Quizzer. The winner of first place was new member **Connor Fitzgerald.** Second place was won by **Bill Pritchard,** third by **George Michaels,** and fourth by **Rudy Eichhorn.** The September program was "Other Hobbies." **Rose Huntington** took first prize with her exhibit of music boxes and musical dolls. **O. L. Wallis** was second with Admiral Dewey memorabilia, and **Carol Snedaker** won third place with her collection of fans and old-style shoes. The October program was on "Commemorative Coins" with **Norman Kirk** as the main speaker. A "Dutch Auction" was planned for the November meeting.

APRIL IN VALLEJO

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY will hold its 8th annual Vallejo Coin Show on April 20, 1980, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Vallejo.

VNS president **David A. Dalby** has appointed **Maxine M. Hopperstad** as the 1980 Coin Show's coordinator. **O. L. Wallis** will be in charge of exhibits. **Bob Berg,** who is also president of the Vallejo Model Railroad Club, will be in charge of local publicity. **Michael Turrini** will serve as general assistant where needed. In planning are a bourse of some 30 dealers, films, refreshments, exhibits, wooden nickels, an all-gold raffle, and half-hour drawings for silver dollars. CSNA members are invited to attend and exhibit. For information write Michael Turrini, c/o VNS, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo 94590.

Don T. Thrall spoke at VNS's October meeting on "Bank-Issued Tokens." At the November meeting, **Ed Fulwider** presented a slide program on "Production of Proof Coins at the San Francisco Mint." The program for December was a slide series on "Coins of Special Significance." VNS had a Christmas party on December 7 with cake, ice cream, soft drinks, champagne, bingo, and a fun raffle.

GOLD AND SILVER

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY focused on gold at its October meeting, with **Frank J. Strazzarino** presenting "Facts About Gold." There were 11 exhibits ranging from the world's tinest gold coin to a diagram of the world's largest gold coin, the mighty 200 Mohur of Mysore, weight 4 lbs., 6 oz. At the November meeting **Dr. J. Allen Gilbert** was scheduled to speak on "Treasures, Coins and Pieces of Eight."

IN MEMORIAM

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society regrets to announce the death of its Australian member, **W. de Vroom.** Mr. de Vroom joined PCNS in 1966. Although he lived in Australia, he maintained correspondence with PCNS members about his numismatic specialties and coin collecting in Australia. He was an active long-distance participant in PCNS's annual Papers Contests, and his papers have been published in CalCoin News. He will be missed by his numismatic friends in the United States.

NEW OFFICERS

Lillian Hooker was elected president of the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, succeeding **O. L.**

Wallis. Elected to serve with Mrs. Hooker were **Denis Hooker**, first vice president; **Stuart Denton**, second vice president; **Ed Sins**, treasurer; and **Rose Huntington**, executive secretary.

Victor Titoff won the Best-of-Show award at the NCNA eighteenth annual coin show and exposition in San Francisco September 13-16. His exhibit was a display of "Medals Commemorating Planetary Exploration." The trophy was a numismatic electric clock with specially engraved plaque.

First place winners were: **Rose Huntington**, U. S. Coinage, Three Cent Nickel; **Ed Sins**, Royalist Mints of the Mexican War of Independence, 1810-1821; and **Carl Windon**, "The Origin of the Dollar." Second place awards went to **Jerry N. Harris**, "Numismatic Reflections of the Civil War, 1861-1865"; **Raisa Titoff**, "Some Medals, Coins & Tokens from China Not Seen Too Often"; and **Harry Huntington**, "Kingdom of Hawaii, Coinage Act of 1845." Third place winners were **Fred Lutjens**, Great Britain Decimal Coinage, 1971-1979, Proof Sets; **O. L. Wallis**, "Admiral Dewey for President"; and **Nancy Stanley**, "Two Bucks — Then and Now." **Amy Atkinson** won the First Place Junior Award for her exhibit "The Jefferson Nickel." Second Place Junior Award went to **Penny Stanley** for "Hawaiian Overprints." **Charles Sins** won the Third Place Junior Award for his exhibit "Franklin Halves of Philadelphia." Also featured was the three-case invitational exhibit in which **Rose** and **Harry Huntington** displayed a compete set of U.S. commemorative coins.

At the numismatic forum the speakers were **Dick Smith**, who presented the slides and commentary of **Ray Erksen** (who was unable to attend), on "Coinage of the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920"; **Steve Album**, who spoke on "Inflation in Mongol Iran — the Incredible Shrinking Dinar"; and **Ed Sins**, whose subject was the "LIMA Coinage of George II of England, 1745-1746."

Next year's NCNA coin exposition is set for September 24-27 at San Francisco's Jack Tar Hotel.

Best wishes of the Season and a Happy New Year to all.

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AXUM
. . . A Fabled, Far Away Land

By Keith Lanmer

Africa holds many legends and stories of distant and past lands . . . one of them is the fabled Axum, home of Christianity during its early years in Africa.

In the first century B.C. Semitic tribes migrated in successive phases from Sab (Sheba) in southern Arabia to the western banks of the Red Sea in northern Ethiopia. The move continued through the second century B.C.; and they apparently lived in harmony (or at least in peace) with their Hamitic neighbors. About the middle of the first century B.C. the Axumite kingdom, so called after its capital Axum, was set up in Ethiopia. The first mention of the kingdom appears in the "Periplus maris Erythraei of 67 A.D." where it is referred to as an import ivory market. The only period with a solid, contemporary written history is the reign of King Ezanas, who was converted to Christianity from paganism and baptised in 330 A.D., along with his twin brother, Asbeha. The emperor, Constantine II in 356, sent him a letter of encouragement for his new religion.

One of the legends and traditions that passed onto Ethiopia was that Menelik, son of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, had carried to Axum the Ark of the Covenant, which he had taken from the temple at Jerusalem. Thus, Axum became the holy city for the entire region, and the relic was housed in the church of Santa Maria which became the seat for the coronation of the Kings of Ethiopia until the nineteenth century.

Axumite coins are neither Greek, Roman, nor Byzantine in style, but represent authentic African art; and the unique characteristics and types reflect the relative seclusion of the people from those outside Ethiopia. Among the most unusual features of the coinage is the sixth century practice of inlaying gold around the bust or cross of silver and copper coins. No other country did such to their coinage. This fascinating inlay work is quite scare in choice condition since even then a form of clipping was done; the significance of the inlaying is only conjectured to represent the golden tablets of God.

FIG 1. Nezano (King). 540-545 A.D. Bust faces right on obverse. Reverse shown — Coptic (Cross) with gold inlaid center. Silver Coin.

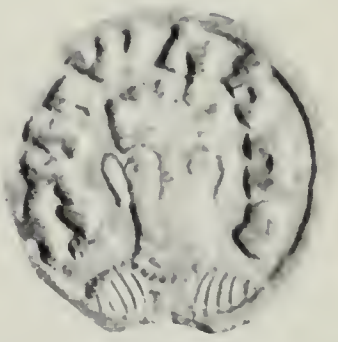

FIG. 2: Za Ya Abiyo Lo Modhen (King) 6th Century A.D. Rare full facing bust. Gold inlaid crown and on reverse gold inloid Coptic Cross. Silver Coin.

FIG. 3: Armoh (King). 700-730 A.D. Bust faces right. Reverse shown. Coptic & orb in Gold. Silver Coins.

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A2658 MARTIN, Lorraine . . . . . 741 Dunn Way, Placentia, Calif. 92670
2659 PATRICK, Jesse . . . . . P.O. Box 3486, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95402
2762 OTTO, William . . . . . 313 Genoa St., Monrovia, Calif. 91016

DECEASED

943 DEANE A. DUFFY
1381 FRANK H. CORBIN
1562 WILLIAM deVROOM
1605 THOMAS R. DUFFY
A2362 RICHARD HYDE
A2677 ROBERTA LENKER
3129 ORANGE CO. ERROR CLUB

RESIGNED

3055 ROGER MOSES
3304 ARTHUR GARNETT

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

3667 HARRY G. DAVIS
A3668 KITTY DAVIS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, Aug. 10, 1979	1462
New Members Aug. 11 to Nov. 10, 1979	47
Re-Instatements	4
Deceased	7
Resigned	2
Address Unknown	2
Suspended for Non-Payment 1979 Dues	106
Net Membership, Nov. 10, 1979	1396
Total Life Members	115

Members Offered Opportunity to Become Patrons

One of the numismatic highlights of the year 1980 will be the educational symposium. The Fullerton Holiday Inn will host the event again on March 15th, the Ides of March. Make your plans now to share in this day of education, enjoyment, exhibits, and friendship.

You will have a chance to actively participate in next year's activities. To help bear the expenses of this rewarding day, you may become a patron by contributing ten dollars to the CSNA educational fund. By your generosity and thoughtfulness you will insure the continuation of this splendid annual program.

Patrons may mail in a check, payable to the CSNA, to me or pay at the symposium. Suitable recognition will be given to those who help. Being a patron is an honor you must choose for yourself. No pressure will be used to encourage participation.

Bryan Burke
Director of Education

Royal Canadian Mint Honors CSNA Member

Yvon Gariepy, Master of the Royal Canadian Mint has named Dr. Harold Don Allen, F.R.N.S. of Truro, Nova Scotia as winner of the Royal Canadian Mint Award for the dissemination of numismatic knowledge. The award, a 45mm engraved silver medal and accompanying citation, goes to "the Canadian citizen who has worked diligently to promote numismatic education in Canada."

CSNA Life Member #25-1, Dr. Allen is Professor of Education at Nova Scotia Teachers College. A lecturer, broadcaster and writer on popular numismatics, he has coordinated "coin week" educational activities of the Canadian Numismatic Association. The award was made at the October meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

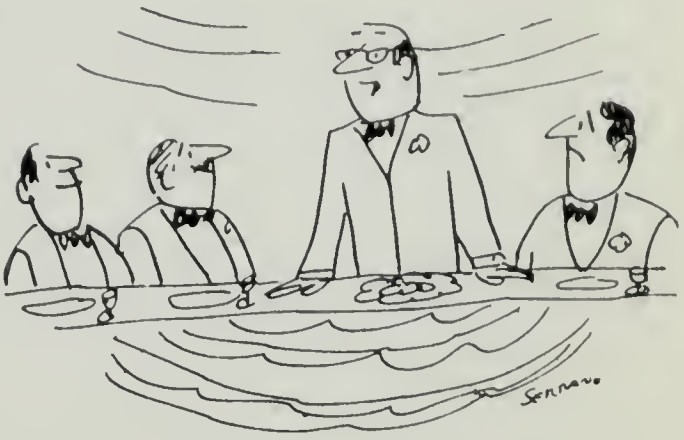
Scenic San Diego

San Diego Interclub Numismatic Council has chosen the beautiful Bahia Hotel for the site of their October 10, 11, 12, 1980 CSNA Convention.

The birthplace of California, San Diego was claimed for Spain by Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542. Trace the city's growth from Mission San Diego and its earliest settlement, Old Town, through its Victorian period, embodied by Heritage Park, to modern San Diego. In Balboa Park, the hub of recreational and cultural activities, eight museums continue the historical theme.

Plan now to spend some vacation time at the Bahia, enjoying the convention and the natural wonders of the San Diego area. The hotel reservations form will be in the Summer 1980 issue of Calcoin News. For you early-birds, contact General Chairman Paul Moulton, P. O. Box 123, Bonita, Ca. 92002.

Laugh Lines



"Our next speaker needs no introduction — just funnier jokes."

Collector's Item. One beautiful Sunday morning, a minister announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hand three sermons — a $100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a $50 sermon that lasts 15 minutes and a $10 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

There's one thing the Democrats and Republicans share in common: our money.

TIME TABLE —
Yesterday is a canceled check.
Tomorrow is a promissory note.
Today is ready cash. USE IT!

It's surprising to me that organizations hire so many humorous speakers and comedians during an election year when they can get all the clowns they want for free.

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

March 15, 1980 . . . . . 13th Annual Educational Symposium
Holiday Inn, Fullerton, California
Director of Education: Bryan Burke

May 2-4, 1980 . . . . . 66th Convention & Coin Show
O. L. Wallis, General Chairman, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael 94903
Hosted by San Francisco Coin Club & Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco

October 10-12, 1980 . . . . . 67th Convention & Coin Show
General Chairman, Paul Moulton, Box 123, Bonita 92002
Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego
Hosted by the San Diego Interclub Numismatic Council

May 1-3, 1981 . . . . . 68th Convention & Coin Show
Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco

October 23-25, 1981 . . . . . 69th Convention & Coin Show
Sheraton-Anaheim, 1015 West Ball Road, Anaheim
Albert K. Hall, General Chairman, Box 499, Colton 92324
Hosted by the San Bernardino County Coin Club

Wm. Wisslead, BOURSE COORDINATOR, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707
To be contacted for bourse applications to any CSNA convention

January 6, 1980 . . . . . 17th Annual Coin Show
San Bernardino County Coin Club, San Bernardino, Convention Center
Albert K. Hall, General Chairman, Box 1028, Colton 92324
Norman B. Sturgess, Bourse Chairman, Box 1028, Colton 92324

January 24-26, 1980 . . . . . 25th Annual Convention
Numismatic Association of Southern California
25th Silver Jubilee, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles

January 26-27, 1980 . . . . . 12th Annual Coin Show
San Jose Coin Club, San Jose Convention Center
Market Street and Park Avenue, San Jose
Bourse: Ron Miller, 3969 Peralta Blvd., Fremont 94536

February 10, 1980 . . . . . 15th Annual Coin Show
Pajaro Valley Coin Club, Watsonville High School Cafeteria
Lincoln and E. Beach Streets, Watsonville
Bourse, Roy Johnston, 211 Playa Blvd., Watsonville 95076

February 24, 1980 . . . . . 10th Annual Coin Show
Cupertino Coin Club, Campus Center, DeAnza College
21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino
Bourse: Frank Nielsen, Box 1189, Cupertino 95015

March 2, 1980 . . . . . Mid Peninsula Coin Show
American Legion Hall, 651 El Camin Real, Redwood City
Bourse: William Shrewsbury, Box 28, Redwood City 94063

March 9, 1980 . . . . . 15th Annual Coin Show
Verdugo Hills Coin Club, Sterlings Restaurant
8737 Fenwick St., Sunland, California

March 27-30, 1980 . . . . . SINCON VIII Convention
Society for International Numismatics
Airport Park Hotel, 600 Prairie Ave., Inglewood

March 29-30, 1980 . . . . . Coin Show
Bakersfield Coin Club
Casa Royale Motel, Bakersfield
General Chairman: George McCormick, Box 1535, Bakersfield 93302

March 30, 1980 . . . . . 17th Annual Coin Fair
San Francisco Coin Club, Jack Tar Hotel
Bourse: Harry Huntington, 1312 York, San Francisco 94110

April 12, 1980 . . . . . 12th Annual Coin Show
Salinas Valley Coin Club, Masonic Temple
48 San Joaquin Street, Salinas
Bourse: Gordon D. Rammer, 1360 Josselyn Cyn. Rd. #18, Monterey 93940

April 20, 1980 . . . . . 8th Annual Coin Show
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Vallejo
Information: Michael S. Turrini, Box 4281, Vallejo 94590